25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

27 July 1954

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

I have your note of 27 July 1954. The decision communicated to you in my memorandum of 26 July 1954 is final and is not subject to reconsideration.

It is my personal view that your long period of effective national service should entitle you to the opportunity to redeem the mistakes of the recent past and to work out a constructive future. If you follow such a course I should certainly not wish to put any obstacles in your way. There is, however, no place open to you here at the Agency and it would not be fruitful for us to have further discussion of the matter.

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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26 July 1954

General Matthew B. Ridgway Chief of Staff, United States Army Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Ridgway:

STAT STAT Referring to our conversation of this morning, I enclose a copy of the memorandum

I sincerely regret that the facts as I established them required me to take this action. I wish to assure you that the work of this office could not be carried on without the devoted and faithful service of hundreds of men from the U. S. Army and the other Armed Services. An exception here and there only proves the truth of this rule.

Faithfully yours,

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Allen W. Dulles Director

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30 July 1959

The Honorable Gordon Gray
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Gordon:

In accordance with the discussion at the Special Group meeting 29 July. I am attaching, in duplicate, the two papers on As you know, one of these was designed to be given to the President, in whatever way you see fit, and the other contains some background and arguments bearing on this proposal.

A brief biographical sketch of the principal figure in this proposal is also attached, in duplicate.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

Attachments: As stated

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